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## BALLINGER RECOMMENDS COASTWISE SUSPENSION

### Secretary of the Interior Favors Measure for Relief of Hawaii and Urges Amendment of the Territorial Land Laws.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)  
(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, November 21.—Secretary Ballinger recommends to congress the temporary suspension of the coastwise shipping laws in so far as they apply to passenger traffic to and from Hawaii. From the information he has, the Secretary is convinced that, under the present conditions, the application of the coastwise laws to Hawaii works a great hardship on the people of the Territory, as well as on the general traveling public, and he believes that these laws should be suspended until such time as there are enough vessels flying the American flag to furnish adequate passenger accommodations to and from the islands. The recommendation of Secretary Ballinger will be placed before congress when the national legislature convenes again next month, and it appears probable that congress will adopt his view of the matter and take action accordingly.

Secretary Ballinger also recommends the amendment of the Hawaiian land laws along the lines laid down by the territorial legislature at the special session held at Honolulu recently. The concurrent resolution adopted by the Hawaiian legislature, recommending to congress a bill for the amendment of the Organic Act, has reached Washington, and Secretary Ballinger approves in general the land law provisions. His recommendation of the amendment of the Hawaiian land laws will be presented to congress when that body convenes.

The above cable to The Advertiser will be good news to most of the people of Hawaii who have been anxiously waiting to learn Secretary Ballinger's attitude on the two important questions. There has, of course, been some difference of opinion as to the advisability of the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws, but the general belief in Hawaii is that they should be suspended for the good of the Territory. It has been borne in on Hawaii that the people here are bearing an unjust burden in being prevented from patronizing whatever passenger vessels touch here except those flying the American flag. Thousands of tourists who wished to visit Hawaii have been prevented through inability to get passage to the islands, while many of the residents of this Territory have been kept on the mainland for weeks and even months after they were ready to come home, for the same reason. The Pacific Mail agents at San Francisco, it is reported, are discouraging travel to Hawaii and exhibit great unwillingness to book travelers for Honolulu.

The commercial bodies of Honolulu have gone on record as favoring the temporary suspension of the coastwise shipping laws. The merchants' association, it is true, is not thus on record at present, having rescinded its action along that line when promises were made by Manager Schwerin of the Pacific Mail that ample passenger accommodations would be provided. Mr. Schwerin failed to keep his word, and now the merchants' association is about to take the question up again. At the last meeting of the association the mat-

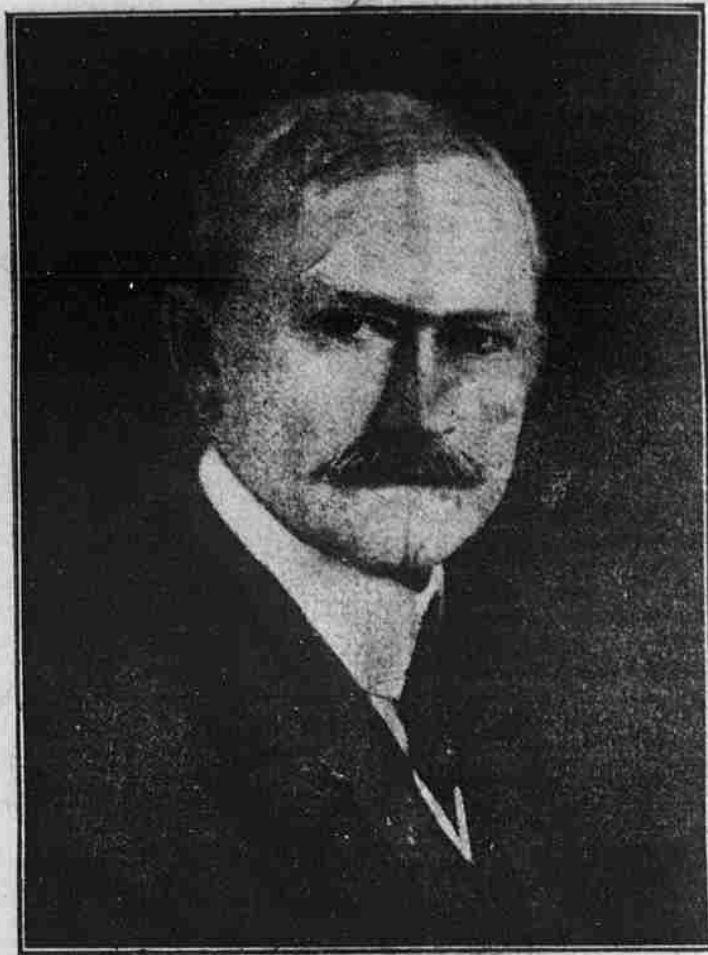
ter came up and it was referred to the board of governors for action at their next meeting.

The chamber of commerce has adopted resolutions favoring the suspension of the coastwise shipping laws, and the promotion committee is strongly in favor of such action and has for some time been urging the other commercial bodies to pass resolutions along that line.

Secretary Ballinger's recommendation will probably be enough to insure congressional action, especially in view of the fact that a large number of the congressmen have visited Hawaii and realize what a handicap the coastwise laws are to the islands under present conditions.

**Land Law Amendment.**

The bill for the amendment of the Organic Act passed the legislature by almost unanimous vote in both houses, and is the bill, with slight amendment, prepared by the conference held in the Governor's office previous to the calling of the special session. It was carefully worked out and that part relating to the amendment of the land laws has evidently met with the approval of Secretary Ballinger. He recommends to congress that the land laws be amended, presumably in accordance with the provisions of the bill sent on by the Hawaiian legislature. Congress meets early in December, and as Governor Peary will be in Washington to look after the interests of the Territory, and Delegate Kuhio will be in his seat to urge action, it is possible that the two measures for the benefit of Hawaii will be taken up early in the session.



THE MAN WHO RECOMMENDS AMENDMENT OF HAWAIIAN LAND LAWS AND SUSPENSION OF COASTWISE SHIPPING LAWS.

### LEWIS & CO. SELL TO DAVIES & CO.

Old Established Firm Goes Out  
of Business With the  
New Year.

A deal was closed yesterday whereby T. H. Davies & Co. take over the entire grocery business of Lewis & Co. on the first day of January, 1910, when the Lewis brothers, Harry and Fred, who have been engaged in the grocery business for nearly thirty years, will retire from the field.

The agreement not only includes the large stock carried by Lewis & Co., but the leasehold of the quarters in the Lewers building, taking in three stories.

There have been rumors for some time that Lewis & Co. might amalgamate with May & Co., but the signing of the papers yesterday disposes of all rumors in this connection, and it is probable that the grocery business will be conducted by the big wholesale house of Davies. Just what the figures are in this deal is not given out, but as Lewis & Co. have been in business for so many years and their quarters have been enlarged in the last few years, and their patronage has been extensive, the figures can not be small ones.

The grocery business of Lewis & Co. was established nearly thirty years ago in the Campbell block on Hotel street, and later was moved into the Fort street building now occupied by Day's grocery firm, and finally to the Lewers building. The company has been in the present quarters for the past five years.

Both Harry and Fred Lewis have extensive business interests in the islands connected with irrigation enterprises and plantations, and believe that they have reached the period in their lives when they are entitled to retire from active participation in business and rest for the remainder of their days.

### NEPHEW OF JUDGE DOLE IS HONORED

Elected Captain of the Stanford University Rugby Team.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, November 22.—Dole, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, has been elected to captain the Rugby team of the Cardinal bulls this year. He will pilot the colors of the university in its coming gridiron struggle with Berkeley and many hopes are being built on his boys.

Dole comes from the famous Riverside family of athletes and is a nephew of United States District Judge Sanford D. Dole of Hawaii. His brother W. D. Dole, '06, of the same university was another famous Cardinal player who several times won the punting cup offered by the Quadrangle Club for the best punter of the season.

### HOW SCHOOLBOYS WROTE HISTORY

Dibble Had Lahainaluna Pupils  
Collect Facts for Story of  
Sandwich Islands.

It isn't always the newest and most up-to-date things that are the best. That is particularly true of books, which generally do not become classics until after many years have proved their worth. And of books, it is often particularly true of histories. A history written today of the events of a century ago would of necessity have to depend for its accuracy largely upon earlier histories, whereas a history written while the events related were still fresh in the minds of the people and could be obtained at first-hand would have obvious advantages over the one written later.

It is with this in mind, perhaps, that Thos. G. Thruin has just republished "A History of the Sandwich Islands," by Sheldon Dibble. Dibble wrote his history more than sixty-six years ago, but it is still regarded as the chief authority along many lines, and its republication places a valuable volume at the service of the reading public.

The author's preface, written after the completion of the book, was signed at Lahainaluna on April 28, 1843. He says:

"It is proper that some account should be given of the manner in which this volume came into existence. Being connected with the Mission Seminary at Lahainaluna, and being called to teach history as one branch of my department of instruction, it occurred to me as quite objectionable that the scholars, whilst they were becoming acquainted with other nations, should remain in a great degree of ignorance of their own. Accordingly, in 1836, I made some effort to collect the main facts of Hawaiian history. There were but few records, and those recent. Most important events were absent in the memories of the people and fast passing into oblivion. If they were to be preserved, it was time they were collected.

The method which I took to collect the facts was as follows: I first made out a list of questions, arranged chronologically according to the best of my knowledge. I then selected ten of the best scholars of the seminary and formed them into a class of inquiry. I met them at an appointed hour, gave them the first question and conversed freely with them upon it, that they might understand fully and distinctly what was sought for. I then requested them to go individually and separately to the oldest and most knowing of the chiefs and people, gain all the information they could on the question given out, submit each his information to writing and be ready to read it on a day and hour appointed. At the time of meeting, each scholar read what he had written—discrepancies were reconciled and corrections were made by each other and then all the compositions were handed to me, out of which I endeavored to make one connected and true account. Thus we proceeded from one question to another till a volume was written." (Continued on Page Eight.)

### QUINN WANTS TO BE SHOWN

STATES HIS SIDE OF THE CASE

Automobile Man Contends That  
Proposed Auto Rates Are  
Not Too High.

"There is no law compelling the owner of an automobile to take out a license to carry passengers," said Supervisor Jim Quinn yesterday. "We've paid a license, but show me a law on the books which compels an auto man to take out such a license. Hacks? Yes, the law says hacks, but not autos."

"Now, as to this ordinance fixing the rates for auto and hack hire. Show me where the rates are too high? It may be true that the rate is raised here and there, but in the main it's what should be charged. There is no city in the United States which provides as fine cars as you see on the auto stands in Honolulu. Where do they put out a \$5000 car on the mainland just to carry passengers? Not in New York, not in Washington, not in Chicago and not in San Francisco."

"Take my own car, a \$5000 car, take Beckley's and many others, as fine cars as are turned out of the factories. You don't imagine those cars could start out of a garage on a 25-cent run do you? Those tires of ours cost \$70 and more and when you rip up a couple in a month, and pay your gasoline bills, and your expenses for wear and tear, your lights and the dozen and one things a person who does not own or run an auto knows nothing about, then you can realize why we don't want to go out for the usual hack fares. For my part, I don't want my car to go out for less than a dollar, and neither does any chauffeur with an expensive car."

"No, we don't go out on general or 'lead' calls as they call them. Take the books of our stand for last month where every call is tabulated, and you won't find more than a dozen 'lead' calls, that is a call over the 'phone for an auto.' The calls are for the individual drivers. So you see when a person, tourist or local, calls up the stands he generally calls for so and so. That does away with the argument that when a person calls up for an auto he does not know that the man coming has an expensive car, when he only wanted an ordinary-cost car."

"Tourists are used to paying prices for autos. They are used to proper rates of fare and ours are proper, for they only agree with the tremendous expense to which an auto owner is put to. Of course, you can get a \$5 meal at the Young, or you can get a two-bit meal in Chinatown. It's the same way in the auto business. You may find cheap machines and cheaper drivers, if you look for them."

"As to hack fares, the haole and Hawaiian hackmen are being crowded out of the business. The hacks are being run by Japanese. I know, because I and about two or three other haoles own stands. The rates of fare charged by hacks are too small for them to make a proper living. Feed is higher here than elsewhere, and the rates are very low. Take a hack in San Francisco or Chicago or anywhere, and you expect to pay a dollar right off the handle. People here believe that two-bit is the right charge, simply because it was made the rate years and years ago, and they can't get used to a change. The street cars have crowded many out of the business and the Japanese are running the rest of them out."

"This town is progressing. Tourists are coming in and we are giving the people the best autos to be had. We are putting in our good, hard cash for the most expensive machines made. I don't believe, in the long run, that people will make very serious objection to have the rates fixed properly by an ordinance, so that the maximum rates may be known."

"It is always a good thing for passengers to inquire when they engage a machine what it will cost them. It will save trouble all around."

### RUSSIANS IN PILIKIA ON MAUI PLANTATION

Word was received from the Russian camp on Maui yesterday that there was pilikia. Inability to make their wants understood and a mistaken idea of wages has brought about friction between the newcomers and the management of the Maui Agricultural Company. Royal D. Mead, the head of the planters' employment bureau, leaves for Maui today to straighten things out.

### ASTOR STILL LOST.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 22.—Although it was reported last night that the yacht of John Jacob Astor had been located, the members of his family and those engaged in the search for the missing yacht are still without information as to its safety.

### ISLAND BLOWING UP.

(By Associated Press.)

TENERIFFE, Canary Islands, November 22.—A new crater opened here today and the volcanic activity increased. There are now five craters in active eruption, and a state of terror exists among the inhabitants, although there has not been so loss of life.

### WALTERS NOW HEADS THE DOCTORS

Elected Association President at  
the Medicos' Meeting  
Yesterday.

MEMBERS BANQUET GAYLY

With Pepsin Available, They Dare  
Choice Collection of  
Eatables.

At the afternoon session of the Hawaiian Territorial Medical Society yesterday Dr. St. D. G. Walters became the new president of the association for the ensuing year. Dr. W. G. Rogers



DR. ST. D. G. WALTERS,  
New President of Hawaiian Territorial  
Medical Association.

was elected vice president and Doctor Collins becomes the secretary and treasurer. Doctor Sinclair was elected to the executive council. In the evening a banquet royal wound up the three-day session of the association, E. A. Mott-Smith, president of the board of health, being the guest of honor.

Yesterday's was one of the best sessions of the meeting, interesting papers being read during the afternoon and good speeches figuring the evening's banquet. Dr. George Herbert gave some observations on hospital work and methods in the United States and Dr. A. G. Hodgins gave his "Impressions of Clinics in the United States and England." Doctor Carl Ramus of the United States marine hospital soon expected to be chief quarantine officer upon the retirement of Doctor Hobdy, read a paper on "Medical Inspection of Aliens at Ellis Island, N. Y."

Another important matter to come to the attention of the members of the association during the afternoon was a communication from the College Club asking that they endorse the plan of bringing an expert here from the Coast to take charge of tuberculosis work soon to be initiated. This request was made as a part of the antituberculosis campaign instituted by the Red Cross Society, the College Club being interested in it. This proposition was set over until the regular monthly meeting in the early part of December.

Those present at the banquet in the evening were E. A. Mott-Smith, president of the board of health and guest of honor; Doctor Haida, Doctor Mitamura, Doctor Judd, Doctor Hedemann, Doctor Hodgins, Doctor Wayson, Doctor Raymond, Dr. C. B. Cooper, Major Wadhams, U.S.A.; Doctor Hobdy, Doctor Pratt, Doctor Ross, Hawaii; Doctor Deas, Maui; Doctor McLain, Ewa; Doctor Hollman, Doctor Collins, Doctor Sinclair, Dr. C. B. Wood, Dr. Hubert Wood, Wailuku; Doctor Nottage, Doctor Hoffmann, Doctor Brinckerhoff, Captain Morse, U.S.A., and Doctor Buffel, Hawaii. All are of Honolulu unless otherwise noted.

### KUHIO LEAVES FOR BIG ISLAND TODAY

Prince Kuhio, delegate to congress, leaves for Hawaii today, accompanied by A. D. Castro, secretary of the Republican central committee, to make a tour of the Big Island in the interest of his candidacy for the congressional nomination. The Big Island is said to need the active participation of Prince Kuhio to strengthen the Republican party's fences, and this tour will be made now, as directly afterward the Prince leaves for Washington to attend congress.

### CIVIL WAR HERO IN HONOLULU

Major Maginnis, One of the Few  
Survivors of the Gettysburg  
Charge, Is Here.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)

Major Martin Maginnis, one of the forty-seven survivors of the famous charge of the First Minnesota Regiment of Volunteers at Gettysburg, a regiment which lost a greater percentage of men during the Civil War, or any other modern war, than any other similar organization, is a visitor in Honolulu at present, and will remain here about two months. The Major, Mrs. Maginnis, and their niece, Miss Helen Igoe, of Seattle, are members of the party, stopping at the Young Hotel.

Major Maginnis is one of the leading men of the State of Montana, and is a resident of Helena. As one of the pioneers in that rich mining State, Major Maginnis has been an important factor in its development from a country controlled by Indians, to its present gold and copper producing richness. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted with the First Minnesota Volunteers, which was one of the first regiments to respond to President Lincoln's call. He served throughout the war until the Southern armies were beaten and had

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### SIX SMUGGLERS ARE ARRESTED

Officials Gathering in the Little  
People and "Men Behind"  
Will Follow Soon.

(From Tuesday's Advertiser.)

That the federal authorities—the custom officials and the United States district attorney's office—have evidence in their hands that will land prominent Honolulu merchants, both among the foreign classes and citizens, seems certain from their actions yesterday. Six arrests were made yesterday, and the silence of the officials and their reticence in discussing the matter indicates that those arrested are but the puppets of a ring of brainy men who have a complete system of defrauding Uncle Sam.

Those arrested yesterday were Wm. K. Luther, John Kekahuu, Kaikai, Kane, Charles Park and Charlie Ah Fook. With the exception of the last named all are Hawaiians or half-Hawaiians. William K. Luther is night watchman at the immigration station and his implication in the notorious business is rather surprising, to say the least.

Kekahuu was the stevedore called in by the Blackfield wharf while waiting at the Blackfield wharf while waiting at

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